

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: KURANO, Yoshihiro et al. Conf.:
Appl. No.: NEW Group:
Filed: December 7, 2001 Examiner:
For: ANTI-ABNORMAL TYPE PRION MONOCLONAL
ANTIBODY, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME,
AND IMMUNOASSAY USING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

December 7, 2001

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. (Amended) The monoclonal antibody or the antigen-binding fragment thereof according to claim 1, originated from an animal immunized with and immunogen comprising a carrier and a peptide having the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 2.